

In the Claims:

Replace the original claims with the following claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for carrying a load on one's back and for adjusting the position of said load, of the type comprising a back frame (1) on which is positioned a carrying harness (2), ~~which comprises~~ comprising two first means and second means of positional control and adjustment (~~M1—M2~~), made using manual remote controls, that are independent of one another and that allow the position of the back frame to be adjusted with respect to the carrying harness, the first means (~~M1~~) allowing the back frame to be raised with respect to the harness and the second means (~~M2~~) allowing the back frame to be lowered with respect to the harness, and in which the back frame is designed to receive an endless belt (5) arranged in ~~its~~ a median longitudinal plane, said belt being secured by a strand to the carrying harness and allowing the back frame to move relative to the harness via the first and second positional control and adjustment means (~~M1—M2~~), and in which a locking mechanism (~~11~~) tensioned by the second ~~control~~ means (~~M2~~) acts and locks the endless belt (5) in position or releases it according to the desired phases of movement, and in which said ~~control~~ second means (~~M2~~) includes a strap, one end (6a) of which is secured to the ~~connecting~~ endless belt (5) and to the harness and ~~the an~~ other end of which is designed to form ~~the a~~ a control handle, said strap passing over ~~the locking mechanism (11)~~, bearing on ~~the latter~~ and actuating ~~it~~ the locking mechanism.
2. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first ~~adjustment~~ means (~~M1~~) comprises a non-elastic pulling means (4), a first end (4a) of which is located on ~~the a~~ a lower part of the back frame with a gripping means (4b), ~~the an~~ other end (4c) being fixed to the harness.
3. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the endless belt (5) is kept tensioned but is free to roll and is positioned with respect to a first, upper return means (7) fixedly located on ~~the an~~ an upper part of ~~the a~~ a bag back part and to a second, lower return means (8) fixedly located on ~~the a~~ a lower part of the back frame.

4. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the upper return means (7) comprises a shell part (7d) with, between ~~the~~ wings (7b), a lower pin (7a) for holding the ~~connecting~~ endless belt (5) and an upper pin (7g) for returning the strap (6), and wherein, between the ~~pins (7a-7g)~~ lower pin and the upper pin, there is a third pin (7f) around which is pivotably mounted the locking mechanism (11) formed of a lever pivoting in opposition to an elastic return means, said lever being oriented such that it has a serrated profiled shape (11a) in contact with and pressing on ~~the a~~ a facing part of the endless belt (5), and an extension arm (11b) offsetting the strap (6) when the mechanism is not tensioned.
5. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ~~strap (6) has one end (6a) secured to the harness (2) and to the connecting belt (5) and another~~ other end (6d) of the strap is associated with a gripping and pulling tongue (13), said strap ~~passing over the locking mechanism (11) and~~ being arranged between the back frame and the rear strand of the ~~connecting~~ endless belt.
6. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~the a~~ a lower end of the ~~connecting~~ endless belt (5) is mounted around a pin (8a) of a buckle fastening, said fastening including a second pin (8b) around which is wound a loop (9) whose lower end (9a) is secured to the back frame.
7. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein ~~the~~ third return means (12) of ~~the~~ hairpin spring type is mounted on the third pin (7f) for articulation of the lever, and wherein one of ~~the~~ legs (12a) of the third return means bears on a bearing wall (7h) formed by the upper return means (7) and ~~the an~~ an other leg (12b) bears on ~~the a~~ a rear face of the extension arm (11b).
8. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the strap (6) return pin (7g) has a domed or conical shape allowing the strap (6) to be oriented in an oblique

position with respect to the endless belt (5), said strap having a width adapted to ~~the~~ a profile of the pin.

9. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the strap (6) has its a free-end strand with an end (6b) for coupling with the control handle of the second means (M2), being made in the form of a gripping tongue (13) in elastomeric material.
10. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 1 ~~3~~, wherein the strap (6) has, over part of its length, at ~~the~~ a point where it passes through and around the first return means (7), a graduated scale (14) defining, with respect to a reference index (15) made using the first return means (7), relative positions of the bag back part and the harness.
11. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the first return means (7) ~~can receive~~ receives a cover (16) for protecting the locking mechanism (11), and wherein ~~the~~ a front face of the cover has a window (16b) opposite the strap (6) and its graduated scale, the reference index being borne by the cover.
12. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 11, ~~which can be applied to travel luggage.~~
13. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 11, ~~which can be applied to backpacks for outdoor pursuits.~~
14. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 11, ~~which can be applied to schoolbags.~~
15. (Currently amended) The device as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 to 11, ~~which can be applied to baby carriers.~~